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FALL 1954 — SPRING 1959

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This is a study of dropout trends for entering groups of both new freshmen and transfers at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois. It includes groups for each semester from the Fall of 1954 to the Spring of 1959. This makes a total of ten groups who were followed through to the spring semester of 1959 or until a particular group had attended Northern Illinois University a total of eight semesters.

This study does not evaluate the dropouts beyond indicating the number with plus or minus honor points, and in this way shows if the dropouts were in good standing academically.

All percentages in this study are based on a composite of the groups marked "plus honor points," "minus honor points," and "no available grade record." Those graduating are not included in figuring totals or percentages of dropouts.

The first part of this study presents a detailed report following up each entering group separately. The second part of the study (printed on the pink sheets) provides summary information on both actual percentage loss by semester of each entering group covered in the study as well as cumulative totals based on number of semesters attended by each of these groups.

The findings of this study indicate that between 1/3 and 1/2 of the students in these entering groups had dropped out by the end of one year. Also, about 2/3 of the students had dropped out by the end of four years. It is interesting to observe the difference in dropout rates between groups of students entering in the fall semesters and those entering in spring semesters. For example, the fall semester groups had a dropout rate ranging from 15.0% to 28.9% for the first semester at Northern Illinois University, while the spring semester groups ranged from 26.9% to 51.1% for the first semester.

ENTERING EXAMINATIONS SEPTEMBER 1954

	Dropouts	Actual Number remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	Cumulative Number Dropped	% Drop Cumulative
Total Entering		958			
Failed to complete registration	13				
Admitted on probation and dismissed at end of semester	8				
Withdrew during semester	38				
Failed to register Spring 1955					
Minus honor points	62				
Plus honor points	23				
Total loss - 1 semester	144			144	
% loss - 1 semester			15.0%		
* * * *					
Total entering Spring 1955		814			
Failed to register Fall 1955					
Minus honor points	152				
Plus honor points	85				
Total loss for this semester	237				
% loss for this semester			24.8%		
Total loss - 2 semesters				381	
% loss - 2 semesters					39.8%
* * * *					
Total entering Fall 1955		577			
Failed to register Spring 1956					
Minus honor points	40				
Plus honor points	30				
Total loss for this semester	70				
% loss for this semester			7.3%		
Total loss - 3 semesters				451	
% loss - 3 semesters					47.1%
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	Dropouts	Actual Number Remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	Cumulative Number Dropped	% Drop Cumulative
Total entering Spring 1956		507			
Failed to register Fall 1956					
Graduated	52				
Minus honor points	17				
Plus honor points	63				
Total loss for this semester	132				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			8.3%		
Total loss - 4 semesters (excluding those graduated)				531	
% loss - 4 semesters (excluding those graduated)					55.4%
* * * * *					
Total entering Fall 1956		375			
Failed to register Spring 1957					
Graduated	14				
Minus honor points	6				
Plus honor points	12				
No available grade record	10				
Total loss for this semester	42				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			2.9%		
Total loss - 5 semesters (excluding those graduated)				559	
% loss - 5 semesters (excluding those graduated)					58.3%
* * * *					
Total entering Spring 1957		333			
Failed to register Fall 1957					
Graduated	34				
Minus honor points	1				
Plus honor points	16				
No available grade record	5				
Total loss for this semester	56				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			2.3%		
Total loss - 6 semesters (excluding those graduated)				581	
% loss - 6 semesters (excluding those graduated)					60.6%

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	Dropouts	Actual Number Remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	Cumulative Number Dropped	% Drop Cumulative
Total entering Fall 1957		277			
Failed to register Spring 1958					
Graduated	23				
Minus honor points	3				
Plus honor points	6				
No available grade record	11				
Total loss for this semester	40				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			1.8%		
Total loss - 7 semesters (excluding those graduated)				598	
% loss - 7 semesters (excluding those graduated)					62.4%
* * * *					
Total entering Spring 1958		237			
Failed to register Fall 1958					
Graduated	194				
Minus honor points	2				
Plus honor points	5				
No available grade record	22				
Total loss for this semester	223				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			3.0%		
Total loss - 8 semesters (excluding those graduated)				627	
% loss - 8 semesters (excluding those graduated)					65.4%
* * * *					
Remaining after 8 semesters		14			

10 graduated in June 1959
4 unaccounted for

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ENTERING EXAMINATIONS FEBRUARY 1955

	Dropouts	Actual Number Remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	Cumulative Number Dropped	% Drop Cumulative
Total Entering		200			
Failed to register Fall 1955					
Minus honor points	39				
Plus honor points	17				
Total loss - 1 semester	56			56	
% loss - 1 semester			28.0%		
* * * *					
Total entering Fall 1955		144			
Failed to register Spring 1956					
Minus honor points	13				
Plus honor points	6				
Total loss for this semester	19				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			9.5%		
Total loss - 2 semesters (excluding those graduated)				75	
% loss - 2 semesters (excluding those graduated)					37.5%
* * * *					
Total entering Spring 1956		125			
Failed to register Fall 1956					
Graduated	5				
Minus honor points	8				
Plus honor points	14				
Total loss for this semester	27				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			11.0%		
Total loss - 3 semesters (excluding those graduated)				97	
% loss - 3 semesters (excluding those graduated)					48.5%

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	Dropouts	Actual Number Remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	Cumulative Number Dropped	% Drop Cumulative
Total entering Fall 1956		98			
Failed to register Spring 1957					
Graduated	11				
Minus honor points	2				
Plus honor points	6				
No available grade record	3				
Total loss for this semester	22				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			5.5%		
Total loss - 4 semesters (excluding those graduated)				108	
% loss - 4 semesters (excluding those graduated)					54.0%
* * * *					
Total entering Spring 1957		76			
Failed to register Fall 1957					
Graduated	12				
Plus honor points	7				
Total loss for this semester	19				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			3.5%		
Total loss - 5 semesters (excluding those graduated)				115	
% loss - 5 semesters (excluding those graduated)					57.5%
* * * *					
Total entering Fall 1957		57			
Failed to register Spring 1958					
Graduated	10				
Minus honor points	1				
No available grade record	2				
Total loss for this semester	13				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			1.5%		
Total loss - 6 semesters (excluding those graduated)				118	
% loss - 6 semesters (excluding those graduated)					59.0%
* * * *					

	Dropouts	Actual Number Remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	Cumulative Number Dropped	% Drop Cumulative
Total entering Spring 1958		44			
Failed to register Fall 1958					
Graduated	13				
Plus or Minus honor points (No study made to separate these honor points)	10				
Total loss for this semester	23				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			5.0%		
Total loss - 7 semesters (excluding those graduated)				128	
% loss - 7 semesters (excluding those graduated)					64.0%
* * * * *					
Total entering Fall 1958		21			
Failed to register Spring 1959					
Graduated	10				
Minus honor points	1				
Plus honor points	2				
No available grade record	4				
Total loss for this semester	17				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			3.5%		
Total loss - 8 semesters (excluding those graduated)				135	
% loss - 8 semesters (excluding those graduated)					67.5%
* * * * *					
Remaining after 8 semesters		4			
Graduated June 1959	3				
Unaccounted for	1				
	4				

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ENTERING EXAMINATIONS SEPTEMBER 1955

	Dropouts	Actual Number Remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	Cumulative Number Dropped	% Drop Cumulative
Total		1,208			
Failed to register Spring 1956					
Minus honor points	149				
Plus honor points	48				
Withdrew, no grade record	9				
Total loss for this semester	206			206	
% loss for this semester			17.1%		
* * * *					
Total entering Spring 1956		1,002			
Failed to register Fall 1956					
Graduated	2				
Minus honor points	227				
Plus honor points	131				
Withdrew, no grade record	5				
Total loss for this semester	365				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			30.0%		
Total loss - 2 semesters (excluding those graduated)				569	
% loss - 2 semesters (excluding those graduated)					47.1%
* * * *					
Total entering Fall 1956		637			
Failed to register Spring 1957					
Graduated	3				
Minus honor points	36				
Plus honor points	17				
No grade record	8				
Total loss for this semester	64				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			5.0%		
Total loss - 3 semesters (excluding those graduated)				630	
% loss - 3 semesters (excluding those graduated)					52.1%
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	Dropouts	Actual Number remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	Cumulative Number Dropped	% Drop Cumulative
Total entering Spring 1957		573			
Failed to register Fall 1957					
Graduated	50				
Minus honor points	29				
Plus honor points	66				
No available grade record	10				
Total loss for this semester	163				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			8.7%		
Total loss - 4 semesters (excluding those graduated)				735	
% loss - 4 semesters (excluding those graduated)					60.8%
* * * *					
Total entering Fall 1957		410			
Failed to register Spring 1958					
Graduated	14				
Minus honor points	8				
Plus honor points	21				
No available grade record	10				
Total loss for this semester	53				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			3.2%		
Total loss - 5 semesters (excluding those graduated)				774	
% loss - 5 semesters (excluding those graduated)					64.1%
* * * *					
Total entering Spring 1958		357			
Failed to register Fall 1958					
Graduated	47				
Plus or Minus honor points (no study made to separate these points)	37				
Total loss for semester	84				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			3.1%		
Total loss - 6 semesters (excluding those graduated)				811	
% loss - 6 semesters (excluding those graduated)					67.2%
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	Dropouts	Actual Number remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	Cumulative Number Dropped	% Drop Cumulative
Total entering Fall 1958		273			
Failed to register Spring 1959					
Graduated	35				
Minus honor points	7				
Plus honor points	13				
Total loss for this semester	55				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			1.7%		
Total loss - 7 semesters (excluding those graduated)				831	
% loss - 7 semesters (excluding those graduated)					68.8%
* * * *					
Total entering Spring 1959		218			
Failed to register Fall 1959					
Graduated in June 1959	198				
Graduated in August 1959 (tentative)	8				
Total loss for this semester	206				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			0.5%*		
% loss - 8 semesters (excluding those graduated)					69.3%*

[*Estimate based on probability of minimum drop-out from seventh to eighth semester.]

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Remaining after 8 semesters	12

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ENTERING EXAMINATIONS FEBRUARY 1956

	Dropouts	Actual Number Remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	Cumulative Number Dropped	% Drop Cumulative
Total		301			
Failed to register Fall 1956					
Minus honor points	51				
Plus honor points	29				
No available grade record	1				
Total loss - 1 semester	81			81	
% loss - 1 semester			26.9%		
* * * *					
Total entering Fall 1956		220			
Failed to register Spring 1957					
Graduated	4				
Minus honor points	14				
Plus honor points	11				
Withdrew, no grade record	5				
Total loss for this semester	34				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			10.0%		
Total loss - 2 semesters (excluding those graduate)				111	
% loss - 2 semesters (excluding those graduated)					36.9%
* * * *					
Total entering Spring 1957		186			
Failed to register Fall 1957					
Graduated	18				
Minus honor points	21				
Plus honor points	16				
No available grade record	3				
Total loss for this semester	58				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			13.3%		
Total loss - 3 semesters (excluding those graduated)				151	
% loss - 3 semesters (excluding those graduated)					50.2%
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	Dropouts	Actual Number Remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	Cumulative Number Dropped	% Drop Cumulative
Total entering Fall 1957		128			
Failed to register Spring 1958					
Graduated	10				
Minus honor points	5				
Plus honor points	5				
No available grade record	4				
Total loss for this semester	24				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			4.6%		
Total loss - 4 semesters (excluding those graduated)				165	
% loss - 4 semesters (excluding those graduated)					54.8%
* * * *					
Total entering Spring 1958		104			
Failed to register Fall 1958					
Graduated	17				
Minus honor points	4				
Plus honor points	15				
Total loss for this semester	36				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			6.3%		
Total loss - 5 semesters (excluding those graduated)				184	
% loss - 5 semesters (excluding those graduated)					61.1%
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	Dropouts	Actual Number Remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	Cumulative Number Dropped	% Drop Cumulative
Total entering Fall 1958		68			
Failed to register Spring 1959					
Graduated	2				
Minus honor points	2				
Plus honor points	2				
No available grade record	10				
Total loss for this semester	16				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			4.7%		
Total loss - 6 semesters (excluding those graduated)				198	
% loss - 6 semesters (excluding those graduated)					65.8%
* * * *					
Total entering Spring 1959		52			
Failed to register Fall 1959					
Graduated	25				
Minus honor points	0				
Plus honor points	1				
No available grade record	0				
Total loss for this semester	26				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			0.3%		
Total loss - 7 semesters (excluding those graduated)				199	
% loss - 7 semesters (excluding those graduated)					66.1%

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ENTERING EXAMINATIONS SEPTEMBER 1956

Dropouts		Actual Number Remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	Cumulative Number Dropped	% Drop Cumulative
Total		1,590			
Failed to register Spring 1957					
Minus honor points	264				
Plus honor points	55				
Withdrew (no grade record)	31				
Total loss - 1 semester	350			350	
% loss - 1 semester			22.0%		
* * * *					
Total entering Spring 1957		1,240			
Failed to register Fall 1957					
Minus honor points	206				
Plus honor points	169				
Withdrew (no grade record)	2				
Total loss for this semester	377				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			23.7%		
Total loss - 2 semesters (excluding those graduated)				727	
% loss - 2 semesters (excluding those graduated)					45.7%
* * * *					
Total entering Fall 1957		863			
Failed to register Spring 1958					
Minus honor points	43				
Plus honor points	30				
No available grade record	19				
Total loss for this semester	92				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			5.8%		
Total loss - 3 semesters (excluding those graduated)				819	
% loss - 3 semesters (excluding those graduated)					51.5%
* * * *					

	Dropouts	Actual Number Remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	Cumulative Number Dropped	% Drop Cumulative
Total entering Spring 1958		771			
Failed to register Fall 1958					
Graduated	80				
Minus honor points	61				
Plus honor points	121				
Withdrew (no grade record)	___				
Total loss for this semester	262				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			11.5%		
Total loss - 4 semesters (excluding those graduated)				1001	
% loss - 4 semesters (excluding those graduated)					63.0%

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Total entering Fall 1958		509			
Failed to register Spring 1959					
Graduated	21				
Minus honor points	22				
Plus honor points	45				
Withdrew (no grade record)	___				
Total loss for this semester	88				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			4.2%		
Total loss - 5 semesters (excluding those graduated)				1068	
% loss - 5 semesters (excluding those graduated)					67.2%

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	Dropouts	Actual Number Remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	Cumulative Number Dropped	% Drop Cumulative
Total entering Spring 1959		421			
Failed to register Fall 1959					
Graduated	58				
Minus honor points	15				
Plus honor points	40				
Withdrew (no grade record)	—				
Total loss for this semester	113				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			3.4%		
Total loss - 6 semesters (excluding those graduated)				1123	
% loss - 6 semesters (excluding those graduated)					70.6%

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ENTERING EXAMINATIONS FEBRUARY 1957

	Dropouts	Actual Number Remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	% Drop Cumulative
Total		326		
Failed to register Fall 1957				
Withdrew first 10 days	2			
Withdrew (no grade record)	6			
Minus honor points	71			
Plus honor points	49			
No available grade record	8			
Total loss - 1 semester	136			
% loss - 1 semester			41.7%	41.7%
* * * *				
Total entering Fall 1957		190		
Failed to register Spring 1958				
Minus honor points	11			
Plus honor points	4			
No available grade record	1			
Total loss for this semester	16			
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			4.9%	
Total loss - 2 semesters (excluding those graduated)				152
% loss - 2 semesters (excluding those graduated)				46.6%
* * * *				
Total entering Spring 1958		174		
Failed to register Fall 1958				
Graduated	14			
Minus honor points	25			
Plus honor points	24			
No available grade record	—			
Total loss for this semester	63			
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			15.0%	
Total loss - 3 semesters (excluding those graduated)				201
% loss - 3 semesters (excluding those graduated)				61.6%
* * * *				

	Dropouts	Actual Number Remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	Cumulative Number Dropped	% Drop Cumulative
Total entering Fall 1958		111			
Failed to register Spring 1959					
Graduated	12				
Minus honor points	10				
Plus honor points	9				
No available record	—				
Total loss for this semester	31				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			5.8%		
Total loss - 4 semesters (excluding those graduated)				220	
% loss - 4 semesters (excluding those graduated)					67.4%
* * * *					
Total entering Spring 1959		80			
Failed to register Fall 1959					
Graduated	11				
Minus honor points	17				
Plus honor points	30				
No available record	1				
Total loss for this semester	59				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			14.7%		
Total loss - 5 semesters (excluding those graduated)				268	
% loss - 5 semesters (excluding those graduated)					82.1%

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ENTERING EXAMINATION SEPTEMBER 1957

	Dropouts	Actual Number Remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	Cumulative Number Dropped	% Drop Cumulative
Total	1,769				
Withdrew - 10 days	27				
Revised Total		1,742			
Failed to register Spring 1958					
Minus honor points	305				
Plus honor points	68				
No available grade record	14				
Total loss - 1 semester	387			387	
% loss - 1 semester			22.2%		
* * * *					
Total entering Spring 1958		1,355			
Failed to register Fall 1958					
Graduated	3				
Minus honor points	283				
Plus honor points	132				
No available grade record	—				
Total loss for this semester	418				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			23.8%		
Total loss - 2 semesters (excluding those graduated)				802	
% loss - 2 semesters (excluding those graduated)					46.0%
* * * *					
Total entering Fall 1958		937			
Failed to register Spring 1959					
Graduated	10				
Minus honor points	81				
Plus honor points	45				
No available grade record	7				
Total loss for this semester	143				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			7.6%		
Total loss - 3 semesters (excluding those graduated)				935	
% loss - 3 semesters (excluding those graduated)					53.6%
* * * *					

	Dropouts	Actual Number Remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	Cumulative Number Dropped	% Drop Cumulative
Total entering Spring 1959		794			
Failed to register Fall 1959					
Graduated	81				
Minus honor points	35				
Plus honor points	88				
No available grade record	—				
Total loss for this semester	204				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			7.1%		
Total loss - 4 semesters (excluding those graduated)				1,058	
% loss - 4 semesters (excluding those graduated)					60.7%

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ENTERING EXAMINATIONS FEBRUARY 1958

	Dropouts	Actual Number Remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	Cumulative Number Dropped	% Drop Cumulative
Total		436			
Failed to register Fall 1958					
Minus honor points	106				
Plus honor points	81				
No grade reports available	36				
Total loss - 1 semester	223				
% loss - 1 semester			51.1%		51.1%
* * * *					
Total entering Fall 1958		213			
Failed to register Spring 1959					
Graduated	1				
Minus honor points	18				
Plus honor points	16				
Total loss for this semester	35				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			7.8%		
Total loss - 2 semesters (excluding those graduated)				257	
% loss - 2 semesters (excluding those graduated)					58.9%
* * * *					
Total entering Spring 1959		178			
Failed to register Fall 1959					
Graduated	11				
Minus honor points	17				
Plus honor points	30				
No available grade record	1				
Total loss for this semester	59				
% loss for this semester (excluding those graduated)			11.0%		
Total loss - 3 semesters (excluding those graduated)				305	
% loss - 3 semesters (excluding those graduated)					69.9%

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ENTERING EXAMINATIONS SEPTEMBER 1958

	Dropouts	Actual Number Remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	Cumulative Number Dropped	% Drop Cumulative
Total		2,251			
Failed to register Spring 1959					
Minus honor points	475				
Plus honor points	152				
Withdrew (no grade record)	17				
No available grade record	7				
Total loss - 1 semester	651			651	
% loss - 1 semester			28.9%		
* * * *					
Total entering Spring 1959		1,600			
Failed to register Fall 1959					
Graduated	4				
Minus honor points	341				
Plus honor points	168				
No available grade record	—				
Total loss for this semester	513				
% loss for this semester (excluding the graduated)			22.6%		
Total loss - 2 semesters (excluding the graduated)				1,160	
% loss - 2 semesters (excluding the graduated)					51.5%

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ENTERING EXAMINATIONS FEBRUARY 1959

	Drcpouts	Actual Number Remaining	Actual % Drop by Sem.	Cumulative Number Dropped	% Drop Cumulative
Total		455			
Failed to register Fall 1959					
Minus honor points	110				
Plus honor points	77				
No grade slip available	5				
Total loss - 1 semester	192			192	
% loss - 1 semster			42.2%		

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FALL SEMESTERS

CUMULATIVE PERCENT LOSS BY SEMESTER - EXCLUDING GRADUATES

DATE ENTERING NIU	NO. ENTERING	NUMBER OF SEMESTERS IN ATTENDANCE AT NIU							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sept. 1954	958	15.0	39.8	47.1	55.4	58.3	60.6	62.4	65.4
Sept. 1955	1,208	17.1	47.1	52.1	60.8	64.1	67.2	68.8	69.3 *
Sept. 1956	1,590	22.0	45.7	51.5	63.0	67.2	70.6		
Sept. 1957	1,769	22.2	46.0	53.6	60.7				
Sept. 1958	2,251	28.9	51.5						

* Estimate based on probability of minimum drop-out from seventh to eighth semester.

II

SPRING SEMESTERS

CUMULATIVE PERCENT LOSS BY SEMESTER - EXCLUDING GRADUATES

DATE ENTERING NIU	NO. ENTERING	NUMBER OF SEMESTERS IN ATTENDANCE AT NIU							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Feb. 1955	200	28.0	37.5	48.5	54.0	57.5	59.0	64.0	67.5
Feb. 1956	301	26.9	36.9	50.2	54.8	61.1	65.8	66.1	
Feb. 1957	326	41.7	46.6	61.6	67.4	82.1			
Feb. 1958	436	51.1	58.9	69.9					
Feb. 1959	455	42.2							

III

FALL SEMESTERS

ACTUAL PERCENTAGE DROP BY SEMESTER - EXCLUDING THOSE GRADUATED

DATE ENTERING NIU	NO. ENTERING	NUMBER OF SEMESTERS IN ATTENDANCE AT NIU							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sept. 1954	958	15.0	24.8	7.3	8.3	2.9	2.3	1.8	3.0
Sept. 1955	1,208	17.1	30.0	5.0	8.7	3.2	3.1	1.7	0.5
Sept. 1956	1,590	22.0	23.7	5.8	11.5	4.2	3.4		
Sept. 1957	1,742	22.2	23.8	7.6	7.1				
Sept. 1958	2,251	28.9	22.6						

SPRING SEMESTERS

ACTUAL % DROP BY SEMESTER - EXCLUDING THOSE GRADUATED

DATE ENTERING NIU	NO. ENTERING	NUMBER OF SEMESTERS IN ATTENDANCE AT NIU							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Feb. 1955	200	28.0	9.5	11.0	5.5	3.5	1.5	5.0	3.5
Feb. 1956	301	26.9	10.0	13.3	4.6	6.3	4.7	0.3	
Feb. 1957	326	41.7	4.9	15.0	5.8	14.7			
Feb. 1958	436	51.1	7.8	11.0					
Feb. 1959	455	42.2							